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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski Assistant to the President for

National Security Affairs

SUBJECT:

Augmenting FBIS' South Asian Capabilities

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REFERENCE:

Your Memorandum of 2 April 1979

I fully agree on the need for quick measures to improve FBIS monitoring of the whole South and Central Asian area. Along this line:

An FBIS technical survey indicates that much of the coverage could be obtained if a bureau were located in Oman, Bahrain, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates. State Department is helping narrow the choice to the country whose government would be most receptive and where logistical needs can best be met. State and FBIS are moving as fast as possible.

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The rest of the coverage (mainly some of the Soviet Central Asia transmitters and those along the Soviet-Chinese border) can best be heard in India. Ambassador Goheen is seeking the views of the Indian Government on collaboration of FBIS and the Indian Monitoring Service which would obtain the relevant coverage.

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Regarding your comments on pressing forward on a bureau in Pakistan, we have been told by Ambassador Hummel that an approach at this time to the Pakistani Government concerning FBIS is unthinkable.

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/s/ Stansfield Turner
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cc: Secretary of State

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